

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take considerable pleasure in acknowledging milestone events for Show-Me State residents who have been richly blessed by long and prosperous lives; and

**Whereas**, on November 25, 2003, Arnold Rekate of Marthasville reached the age of One Hundred, an event which was celebrated with a big party in his honor on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ; and

**Whereas**, one of eight siblings, Arnold Rekate was born one hundred years ago near Smith Creek, grew up on a farm, and attended a one-room schoolhouse where he completed eighth grade before being called upon to assist his father with running a general store after a broken foot hobbled him and kept him from his mercantile labors; and

**Whereas**, while working at his father's general store, Arnold Rekate met the girl of his dreams, Lillie Howard, whom he married on December 4, 1935, after many years of courtship on the dance floor; and

**Whereas**, the marriage of Arnold and Lillie Rekate was blessed by the arrival of three children, a daughter named Walean and identical twins Ronald and Arnold, and lasted for more than fifty years until Lillie's death at the age of eighty-three; and

**Whereas**, Arnold Rekate was self-employed as an oil jobber known for giving out packs of chewing gum to children along his delivery route, served as Mayor of Marthasville and on the local school board, ran for state representative as a Democratic candidate, was responsible for the building of local landmark The Green Gables and thirteen homes in The Woods subdivision, and has pursued lifelong interests in hunting, fishing, fast-pitch softball, bowling, and cards:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate Arnold Rekate upon attaining his One Hundredth Birthday and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for many more celebratory events to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Missouri Centenarian Arnold Rekate of Marthasville.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Sutherland  
District No. 99

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker